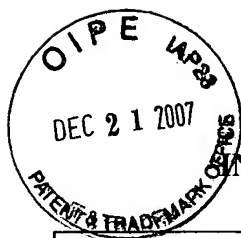


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Sir:

This Communication is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 14, 2007 setting forth a period for reply ending January 14, 2008.

Correction to the **Amendments to the Claims** is reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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